



SPORTS BRIEFS

Victory Celebration Draws 250,000 to Grant Park

CHICAGO — The rainbow-haired Dancing Dennis Rodmans were just a colorful sideshow in a celebration that brought thousands of fans to Grant Park Tuesday to cheer the NBA champion Chicago Bulls.

Fans applauded as each player was introduced, but did not wait to hear the name of Michael Jordan before breaking into a roar for the city's most beloved sports hero.

Jordan graciously acknowledged the adulation from a crowd in which barefoot people in T-shirts mingled with businessmen in buttoned-down shirts and suits.

"When I leave this city and when I leave this earth, there's one thing that I will know," Jordan said. "That I've been in a city that truly loves me and I love them."

The weather forecast was for rain for the official celebration of the Bulls' championship-clinching win over the Seattle SuperSonics, but the sun shone throughout the hour-and-a-half event.

While Jordan clearly reigned as king of the hoops, judging from fans' jerseys, flopmaster Dennis Rodman was closing in.

Freckle-faced Andrew Bach not only wore Rodman's No. 91, he sported a lime-green crew cut in honor of his favorite player.

Attendance was estimated at 250,000 by the mayor's office. Several fire trucks kept their hoses going to help keep the crowd cool.

As the park and even the fans themselves became more muddy, the event took on the look of a G-rated Woodstock.

Alcohol was consumed discretely. And with cameras rolling live, Rodman let loose with one of George Carlin's seven dirty words you're not supposed to say on TV.

Sampras Named Top Seed In Hunt for Fourth Title

WIMBLEDON, England — Pete Sampras' road to a fourth straight championship at Wimbledon could end abruptly. In Tuesday's draw, the top seed and world No. 1 was pitted against American Richey Reneberg in the first round — and likely will find big-serving Mark Philippoussis in the second.

The 6-foot-4 Australian, ranked No. 30 in the world, beat Sampras in three sets in January in the Australian Open.

"It's not easy," Sampras said. "Mark's a very big hitter with a huge serve. Obviously he's proven he can beat me in Australia. He's got a big game, especially on grass. His serve is very tough to return. There's no reason to look ahead, but this is a very tough draw."

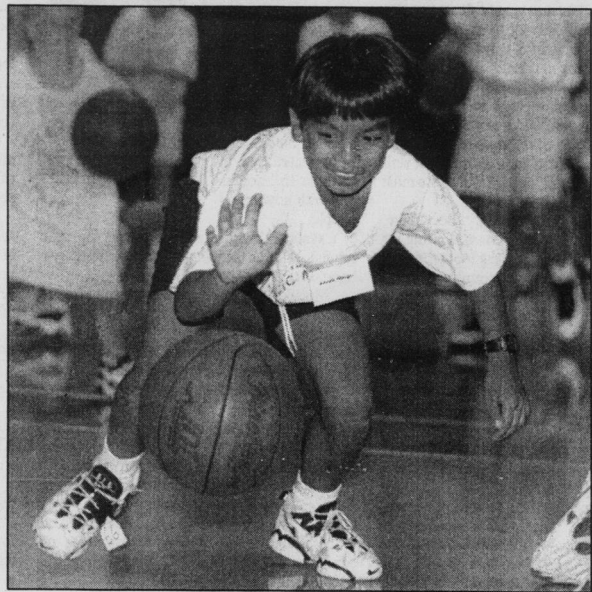
The next three seeds — Boris Becker, Andre Agassi and Goran Ivanisevic — got much more favorable draws. If form holds, men's quarterfinal matchups are Sampras vs. Thomas Muster, Ivanisevic vs. Michael Chang, Agassi vs. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, and Becker vs. Jim Courier.

On the women's side, six-time champion Steffi Graf opens against Ludmila Richterova, and No. 2 Monica Seles — in her first Wimbledon since being stabbed in 1993 — is up against Ann Grossman.

If the seedings hold there, the quarterfinals would be Graf vs. Jana Novotna, Conchita Martinez vs. Lindsay Davenport, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario vs. Chanda Rubin, and Seles vs. Anke Huber.

WIRE REPORTS

Hoops Camp Raises Money for Hospital Room



A young camper works his ball handling skills at last weekend's Eric Montross Father's Day Basketball Camp held at the Smith Center.

BY AARON BEARD  
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At the close of Saturday's activities in the Eric Montross Father's Day Basketball Camp, Lindy Clark voiced her appreciation to everyone who helped put together a successful second year of the camp in honor of her son, Jason, who died of stomach cancer in 1994.

"You gave him hours of fun because he watched you," she said to current and former Tar Heel hoopsters, who served as counselors to the campers. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Clark's heartfelt thank-you was the moving climax to the two-day event, which saw 111 campers participate in skills tests, half-court basketball games and some off-court activities like late-night pizza parties with some of their UNC hoops heroes.

"This is the best basketball camp these kids could come to," Clark said. "They're doing it with their dads. That's such a perfect relationship."

Montross befriended Jason Clark during Jason's stay at the N.C. Children's Hospital. The two became close friends, with Montross making frequent visits to the hospital. After Jason's death, Montross helped organize the camp to raise money for a room for teenagers in the hospital.

The room, according to Lindy Clark, will have a basketball shooting area, pool table, video games and a kitchen.

"There's always been a playroom, but it's mainly for the little kids," she said. "Teenagers need to get away. It'll be their room. No doctors allowed."

Joining Montross as counselors were former teammates Dante Calabria, Pat Sullivan, Donald Williams and Matt Wenstrom. Former guard Kenny Harris also participated, with current sophomore Vince Carter rounding out the men's list.

Tonya Sampson, the all-time leading scorer in school history, headed the women's contingent, joined by current players Chanel Wright, Alicia Alford, Sheneika Walker, Jessica Gaspar, Laquanda Dawkins and Lori Gear.

Amidst all the competition, it was easy to notice the counselors' enthusiasm.

"The kids here are great," Williams said. "They're listening and they're out there having fun. When you have a great group of kids like that, you have a lot of fun and you really get into it."

In addition to the competitions, prizes were given away to the campers, including

NBA videos, basketballs, and — one very large prize — Montross' size-19 Nikes.

"If I had it at home, I'd love to go with my dad and play basketball," Gaspar said. "It's a bonding weekend. The adults are having fun individually playing basketball, but they're also having fun with their sons and daughters."

The camp grew from an enrollment of 86 the previous year to 111 this year. Montross said the camp wouldn't grow any larger to avoid losing the individual relationship between player and coach.

"This was about as big as we could get and still be under control in the Smith Center," he said. "We knew a lot of (the campers) by name. Being an individual is important to the camp and that's what we're gonna strive to keep."

Sullivan said the camp was also a fitting tribute for Jason Clark.

"Jason was an unbelievable person," he said. "All the guys who were on the team (in 1994) were fortunate to meet Jason. He touched us all with his strength and his courage. I'm thankful I have the opportunity to give back to him."

UNC Falls to Sixth in Sears' Cup; Stanford Tops for a Second Year

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North Carolina has typically been regarded as a sports powerhouse, possessing a well-rounded athletic program. But in the past two years, UNC's athletic program has slipped from No. 1 to sixth in the Sears' Directors Cup competition.

The award, presented by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and Sears, Roebuck and Co., is given to the dominant school in college athletics. After collecting first and second place

finishes in 1994 and 1995 respectively, UNC managed 673.5 points this year, 288 points behind two-time defending champion Stanford.

UNC athletic director John Swofford said the drop was not alarming.

"I think anytime you finish in the top ten in the Sears' Directors Cup standings you can't help but be very happy with it," Swofford said. "I think our program has certainly established itself as one of the top overall athletic programs in the country."

The scoring for the Cup in Division I competition is based on the top 22 finishes

for each school's varsity programs. The 22 sports are split into 18 core sports, nine each for men and women, and four wild card sports, two each for men and women.

"If the worst we ever do is sixth in the nation, we'd obviously be thrilled," Swofford said. "Our finish this year is a little lower than the last two years, and we want it to be higher, but at the same time you have to understand that competitively in sports, some years are going to be better than others."

"But obviously, the Cup is something we're going to shoot for every year."

Hunter Wins Olympic Track Spot; Nesbit Reaches Finals

STAFF REPORT

Several North Carolina tracksters, past and present, are sweating it out in Atlanta, looking for a berth on the 1996 U.S. Olympic Track and Field team.

The trials started on June 14 and will continue until Sunday in the newly built Olympic Stadium.

Four former members of the UNC's women's team have advanced to the finals, only one step away from the Olympic team and competing in Atlanta.

In the high jump, Nicki Hudson and Tisha Waller have kept their dreams alive by leaping to identical marks of 5-10 3/4.

With a finishing time of 33:18.71, UNC assistant coach Joan Nesbit moved to the finals in the 10,000-meter competition. Rounding out the list of former Tar Heels is Lynda Lipson, who slung the javelin to a distance of over 179 feet.

As for current members of the UNC team, Monique Hennagan advanced to

the semifinals of the 400-meter with a time of 52.62 seconds meters.

Also reaching the semifinals of competition was freshman Nicole Gamble. Gamble qualified in the triple jump with a leap of 13.41 meters.

LaShonda Christopher and Tyra Moore also competed in the triple jump.

Also making an appearance in the centennial trials were Takeshia Quick in the 100-meter, Monique Hunt in the 800-meter and Kim Jones in the high jump.

As for the men's competition, assistant track coach C.J. Hunter finished third in the finals of the shot put, which earned him a berth on the Olympic team.

In the triple jump, Kendrick Morgan qualified for the finals. Once there, he finished 11th with a leap of 53-3 1/2.

Other UNC athletes on the men's side who have competed thus far include Tony McCall in the 100 and Milton Campbell in the 400.

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THE Daily Crossword by Roger Jurgovan

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a list of 49 clues and a grid with some letters filled in.

Plaza Theatres advertisement listing movies like 'The Rock', 'Mission: Impossible', 'Dragonheart', 'Spy Hard', 'Eddie', 'Flipper', 'The Phantom of the Opera', 'Twister', and 'The Cable Guy' with showtimes.

Carolina and Chelsea movie listings for June, including 'A Slightly Hilarious Black Comedy!', 'Welcome to the Dollhouse', 'Visionary!', and 'Dead Man'.

Academy Award Winner 'Antonia's Line' advertisement and 'Two Thumbs Up... with Lili Taylor' advertisement.

Pepper's Pizza advertisement with a sun graphic and the slogan 'A Sunny Place for Shady People'.

'Save A Buck!' advertisement for Comedy Sportz featuring a deer head graphic and student discount information.

'mies Contemporary Fashions' advertisement for family gatherings or summer weddings, featuring a woman in a hat and dress.